



TOWN OF AMHERST COMMITTEE CHARGE

Committee Name: **SAVE OUR STOP - SOS - TASK FORCE**

Created By- Amherst Select Board

Date Created – May 11, 2009

Appointing Authority – Amherst Select Board

Type of Committee – Time Limited Committee

Term – One year term

Date Task Force Effective – June 1, 2009

Date Task Force Expires – May 30, 2010

Number of Voting Members – 9; one member to be recommended by the Planning Board; one member to be recommended by the Public Transportation Committee; one member to be recommended by the Town/Commercial Relations Committee

Staff Liaisons– Town Manager and Planning Director

Committee Charge Summary – The objectives of the Save Our Stop SOS Task Force are:

- 1) To study the effect that the availability of the Amtrak train stop has on the citizens of Amherst and the region, and
- 2) To study the impact that the discontinuation of the that rail stop would have upon the citizens of Amherst and the region, and
- 3) To recommend to the Select Board actions to enhance passenger rail service in Amherst and protect Amherst from the effect of the discontinuation of the Amtrak stop in Amherst.

The Task Force will work with interested organizations to include the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce, Amherst College, and Hampshire College to study the effect of the Amtrak stop on Amherst. The Save Our Stop SOS Task Force shall create and present a final report on the conditions, effort and recommendations on or before May 30, 2010.

Version 4 – May 17, 2009

Date Approved By Select Board